Exodus of Doordarshan Engineers to Foreign Channels

455. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated 3rd November, 1996 captioned "Top Doordarshan Engineers joining exodus" and "DD's brightest and best are leaving the droves to join foreign channels";

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry has failed to anticipate the big boom in the television industry and keep pace with its demands; and

(d) if so, what is annual number of admissions/passing out of students by the Film Institute in Pune and Jamia Millia in Delhi during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30 Officers of Doordarshan have resigned/sought voluntary retirement during the years 1995 and 1996 either due to personal reasons or for joining other Government Services.

(c) No, Sir. The number of officers who have left Doordarshan is negligible when compared with its large set up. In fact, a number of eligible officers are available to fill up the resultant vacancies. The position is, therefore, not considered alarming.

(d) Does not arise.

Regional Centres of National Institute of Communicable Diseases in Gujarat

456. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional centres of National Institute of Communicable Diseases presently functioning in the State of Gujarat with details of each centre;

(b) the number of diagnostic kits for viral hepatitis made available by the Institute to these centres during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by these centres in the State to control and contain jaundice outbreak; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) NICD does not have any Regional Centres (or branches) in Gujarat. However, BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad has been functioning as one of the Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Centre in the Country.

(b) To undertake laboratory based surveillance, this centre was supplied diagnostic kits as under:

1992-93

HBC-IgM 2 kits (100 tests each)
MAV-IgM — kits -do-
HBs—Ag—2kits -do-

1994-95

HBs Ag.— 5 kits(100 test each)

1996

HBs—Ag—2 kits (100 tests each)
HAV—IgM — 2 -do-
Kits
HBC—IgM—2 Kits -do-
HCV—M — 1 Kit -do-
HEV— — 1 Kit -do-